

[23 February, 2001]

RAJYA SABHA

Privatisation of Central Schools

308. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that standards have gone down in Central Schools, Navodaya Vidyalayas, Government managed schools and people remember Central Schools when they find difficult to get a seat in public schools (private);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government are considering any proposal to privatise all Central Schools or nationalise all private schools?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The performance of the Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas does not reflect any decline in standards of these schools.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration.

Development and expansion of technical education

†309. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the need for promotion of development and expansion of technical education in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the private sector would also need to be encouraged for promoting this kind of education system;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the private sector has to have recognition from Government to run such education system, which take years together; and

(d) if not, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.